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Commissioner Thomas S. Burack, Chairman
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
c/o New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
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Concord, NH 03302-0095

Dear Commissioner Burack:

We are 20-year residents of Forbes Mountain Road in Danbury. Our home is located on Forbes Mountain Road, in close proximity to the proposed wind turbines and slightly outside the study area. We would like to comment on the Iberdola application for the Wild Meadows Wind Turbine Project.

Residents of Forbes Mountain Road will be greatly impacted by the year-long construction and operation. We are greatly concerned about

- **Traffic and noise from construction** disrupting the rural nature of Danbury and Alexandria.
- **The impact on property values.** While Iberdola cites studies showing that property values did not change near their Lempster or Groton installations, that's not what we are seeing in Danbury. At least one of our neighbors has attempted to sell property in the last six months and lost an interested buyer specifically because of the proposed Wild Meadows project. Other local real estate agents have offered anecdotal evidence of buyer reluctance for other property, particularly around Newfound Lake.
- **Living with continuous wind turbine noise.** There is mounting evidence of headaches and disrupted sleep from those living near existing wind farms. Witness the recent decision of the town of Falmouth, Massachusetts to shut down two wind turbines overnight because of complaints of noise and health impacts from neighbors.
- **View Impacts.** Twenty-three more wind turbines will have major negative impacts cutting across some of New Hampshire's most beautiful ridgelines. Iberdola's view impact assessment says that 96% of residents will not be impacted. That is not the case for Forbes Mountain Road residents, with 500 foot tall turbines on 3 sides of us, or for Danbury residents who will see the turbines every time they travel on Route 104, or visit nearby Cardigan Mountain, or Newfound Lake. We are utterly appalled that Iberdola believes that there will be no negative impacts to tourism from the presence of wind farm.
- **A flawed public input process.** We take exception to the community involvement Iberdola references in its application. We have received only two mailings from Iberdola and nothing for several months. We have travelled at great inconvenience to attend mid-week public hearings on a moratorium for new projects at the state house and a public meeting in Danbury. It has been very difficult to find out about other opportunities because they have not been well publicized. Danbury is currently holding a vote on the project to inform the selectmen's decision about Danbury's participation. However, we are excluded, even though we are property owners, because we are registered voters in another jurisdiction. We have written numerous letters to the selectmen, elected officials and the SEC. Yet, the project appears to be progressing rapidly without

consideration for those who will be most impacted. We find the siting process to be very lacking in terms of seeking public participation.

At first glance, the promise of renewable energy from wind is attractive, given New Hampshire's goal of achieving 25% renewable energy. But the power from wind farms such as Wild Meadows will not benefit New Hampshire exclusively. It comes at too high a price for those of us living in the impacted area.

We respectfully ask you to consider those of us living in the area and reject The Wild Meadows Wind Farm. Its negatives outweigh the positives both for those living in or visiting the area, and also for the state of New Hampshire as a whole.

Sincerely,

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